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COMMITTEES

In the November issue of The Pacific [illegible] officers and committees was published. At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, the committees of the Board were named. These committees for the coming year are as follows:

FINANCE: Rev. H. H. Gill, Rev. W. W. Furze, Mr. Paul W. Conant, Mr. C. S. Morse.

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. George T. Tolson, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. H. H. Gill.

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SOCIAL RELATIONS: Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Horton R. Colbert, Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. F. W. Morrison, Rev. L. A. Wilson, Miss Helen Perkins, Mrs. E. B. Mead.

The first named person is the convener of the committee. Each committee elects its own officers. If this list is clipped and attached to the list published last month a complete directory of our Conference officers and committees will be had.

MINISTERS ONLY

For the first time in several years, it will pay clergymen to secure Clergy Bureau permit for travel on the railroad. Those who secure the permit will be entitled to half fare instead of two-thirds fare. This will mean that clergymen may travel on coaches only for 1c a mile and first-class for 1½c per mile. Furthermore, the surcharge for sleeping cars will be eliminated, which reduces the amount now being paid by one-third. Application blanks for certificates at local ticket agents.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9th—Annual Meeting. Bay Association.

January 18th-19th — Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.

January 21st-25th—Mid-winter Meetings, probably at Evanston.

February 13th-15th—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion (tentative date).

June 21st-28th—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.

July 28th-August 4th—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 16th-18th—State Conference, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

MAY HEAVEN FORGIVE

It is reported that the day following the lynching in San Jose, Governor Rolph of California made the following statements:

"I am thinking of paroling any kidnappers to those fine patriotic citizens of San Jose who know how to handle the situation . . . They did a good job . . . I don't think anyone will be arrested down there, but if they are I'll pardon them."

Just who are those "fine patriotic citizens of San Jose" to whom the Governor refers? Let Anthony Catalbi, who claims to be the leader of the mob reply:

"I decided to organize a necktie party. I went out to my father's ranch on Capitol Avenue and got some rope for the hanging. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon I drank a pint of liquor to get myself in shape for the job. I didn't even feel it. Eleven o'clock was the deadline. I told everyone. Mostly I went to the speakeasies and rounded up the gang there. That is why many of the mob were drunk."

What a compliment (?) the Governor of California pays to our citizenry to describe the self-confessed drunken lynchers as "fine patriotic citizens who know how to handle the situation."

It is in order for Christian people of California to take to heart the words of Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches in commenting on the recent lynching in Maryland:

"That such outbursts of mob violence and race hatred could take place in our country makes us realize how far we are from being truly civilized or Christian in an important phase of our social life. They are an ineradicable stain not merely upon a single town or a single state, but upon the honor and integrity of the whole nation.

"The mounting toll of lynchings during this year has already brought the total to more than twice as many as in 1932. This upsurge of barbarity challenges the forces of law and order to stop this crime of crimes. Our country is showing a determination to banish kidnappers and gangsters. Let us demand an equal fervor in seeking out lynchers.

"Civic authorities may effectively do their duty but they cannot root out the conditions which cause lynchings to flourish. These conditions are the responsibility of the churchmen and other citizens of every community. The church bodies, both through the Federal Council and also through their separate denominational assemblies and conferences, have repeatedly declared their opposition to mob violence and their support of justice for all. If these declarations are to have any significance for concrete cases and not to be vague generalities, we must now express our sense of shame and sorrow at what has occurred in Maryland. (San Jose, too!!!). It would be appropriate for all Christian people, when they assemble in their places of worship on the coming Sunday, to make public confession of the sin of lynching, of our failure to combat the evil with greater resoluteness and of our too complacent acquiescence in social conditions and attitudes that make lynchings possible. I suggest that next Sunday all church members engage in a great corporate act of penitence, in a common acknowledgment of our moral failure and in a united dedication to the task of removing the blot of lynching from our land."

FIRST LETTER FROM THE WILBURS

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, who were commissioned as missionaries to China at First Church, San Francisco, on August 20th, have reached Peiping. Dr. Wilbur has written to friends a most interesting letter, from which we publish the following paragraphs. Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur have been assigned to the First Church, San Francisco, by the American Board as missionaries of the church.

"Our arrival in our new home was made a happy one through the kindness of all the North China missionaries, many of whom met us as we arrived at Tientsin, and others of whom wrote us notes of welcome. All spoke of the great need for new recruits of every kind, and of their joy that we had been sent.

"Having arrived at the mission at midnight Sunday, we learned that we were just in time for language school, which started next morning. Won't you come with me on the fifteen-minute walk to the school and see how we go about learning a language which has nothing whatever in common with our mother tongue? Registration is easily disposed of, and so is a brief talk from the president reminding us that we are for all practical purposes toddling infants, and that as such we are to say nothing and write nothing until we are told to do so some time in the next week. With that, and a word of instruction as to the courtesy due a teacher in China, we are ready for our first lesson. Our teacher enters, smiles, bows, and then begins to talk. He gives us no rules of grammar, no writing, and no word of English, but only Chinese, which he repeats over and over and over while he points to himself, to us, and to objects in the room, and then goes through a series of antics to illustrate his meaning. Sometimes, as when he performs with chopsticks and then with knife and fork, we laugh until our sides ache, but always we get his meaning. For five hours a day we sit there, listening to one teacher after another, and at the end of it we find that we have acquired a small vocabulary, a knowledge of simple sentence structure, and a beginning comprehension of the tones that give each word several meanings, and lie in wait to trap the beginner. And, best of all, we catch a word now and then in the conversation on the street. To be sure, it will be a long, hard time before we

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PLAYING SANTA

One of the loveliest benevolences in which our Congregational people take part is playing Santa Claus, through the Christmas Fund, to the great family of the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief. The aged and the disabled, the widowed and the fatherless—all are remembered through this blessed Fund. From the Christmas Fund of last year 804 Christmas checks were sent out and since January 1st, 795 emergency checks have met calls of distress from pensioners and others in the ministry who, because of reduced salaries or unemployment, were unable to carry the expense of sickness and hospital care, or even of daily food and shelter for their families.

"The generosity and devotion of those who make the gift possible surely is a wonderful thing," wrote the mother of two small boys last Christmas. "It does make God's love seem very real and very near, and it brings new courage and fresh hope to troubled and lonely hearts." The Christmas Fund of last year has been a great bulwark of defense in these days of distress; it will be more needed than ever before in the days to come.

Checks may be sent to the state office or to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

1934 CONFERENCE

At the closing moments of the Fresno Conference, authority was given to the Board of Directors to fix the time and place of the annual meeting of the Conference in 1934. The Board has decided that it will be at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, Tuesday to Thursday, October 16th to 18th.

DR. SWARTZ ON TEAM

Rev. Herman F. Swartz was one member of the Federal Council team on evangelism that visited California early in November. Conferences were held in Sacramento, Oakland, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego. It was reported that Dr. Swartz' contribution was one of the outstanding features of the tour.

MEET PAUL CONANT, TREAS.

After much careful consideration the Conference Executive Committee has elected Mr. Paul W. Conant as treasurer, succeeding Mr. D. H. Dexter. Mr. Conant is the Business Director of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. He is a comparatively new comer to California, and was formerly executive of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Untrue

Rev. Benjamin Gould informs The Pacific that the newspaper story to the effect that Thurmond, one of the two kidnappers of Brooke Hart, attended the Congregational Church in San Jose on the Sunday after the crime, is wholely without foundation. The story was circulated all over the country by one of the press associations, and does not have a shred of truth behind it.

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will be able to get any idea over in the new language, but at least we have made a start, and that is something.

"And now for a few miscellaneous and superficial impressions of Peiping. There have been no tremendous surprises, as we had been fairly well prepared for what we saw. One of the things that is rather discouraging is the cheapness of human labor. We see a few machines, and a fair number of burros, but most of the hauling is done by men. They use baskets balanced on poles, heavy wheelbarrows, and small wagons, but the motive power is all the same. The barrows used to carry water are awkward affairs which seem rather poorly balanced. They all squeak loudly, and in so nearly the same tone that you can tell what is coming without seeing it. But apparently this is not considered a misfortune, as everyone seems to take full advantage of any opportunity to make noise. Every peddler has some sort of gong or drum or whistle, many of which are characteristic of the trade, like the fish man's horn. Bicycles are numerous, and each one has at least one horn to clear the way.

"Here and there we see stores on the western pattern with signs in more or less accurate English, but half of the sidewalk on the main streets is taken up with stocks of food and merchandise, many of them limited to one type of article. We see many raw foods which are familiar, and about as many which are strange. There are sweet potatoes with red skins, pears with an apple-like texture, persimmons with firm but sweet insides, vegetables that look like a cross between radishes and beets, and so on. Everywhere there are smells, some of them pleasant, some distinctly otherwise, but all of them different.

"It is a pleasure to find everywhere the truth of the statement that the Chinese people have a keen sense of humor. We don't often know what they are laughing at, although sometimes we are the obvious subjects of their amusement, but we see many smiles and few frowns. One thing of which we are constantly reminded is the remarkable similarity between different branches of the human race, and between all young mammals, human and otherwise. An old man with white whiskers and rusty joints is the same the world around, and when Mrs. Smith meets Mrs. Johnson on the corner, they have a good many of the same questions to discuss regardless of where they are. Giggling schoolgirls seem to be a wholly international phenomenon, and our friendly looks, coupled with our obvious ignorance, has given them plenty to giggle about. A good many of the youngsters have learned to say a recognizable "Hello," and we often get at least that much advance toward comradeship. The toddlers show marked variation in dirtiness and raggedness, but show a uniform curiosity about the wonders of the world, and especially about the candy vendor, who is a conspicuous member of the merchant group. The thrifty Chinese have found it wise to adopt almost universally a type of baby buggy especially suited to their needs. It is an affair of wood and straw with wheels small enough so that the irregularities of the street save papa having to bounce the baby on his knee, but its main distinction is its convenient capacity for two passengers.

"In Japan we remarked about the extent to which the West had penetrated, at least superficially. Here there is plenty of evidence of the new culture, but its progress has been much less. We see one street-car and a hundred rickshas. There is a city water supply, but the wheelbarrows of water-carriers are everywhere. There is a street-sprinkler mounted on a truck—a welcome institution in this city of fine dust and frequent winds, but before we saw it we had observed many two-man teams doing the job with a tub and a long-handled pan.

"There is plenty of evidence of the need of medical care, even in this comparatively well-supplied city. I often am kept busy on the way to school trying to make diagnoses of the various tumors, skin troubles, and deformities that are so conspicuous. Small-pox has left its calling-card on many a face, and I suppose has its own quota in the cemeteries as well.

"In addition to all this unsorted general information, we wish to send our greetings to our friends in the church in San Francisco and to those in Boston. Everybody in both places has been so good to us that we don't know how to thank them. So far we have had everything our way, but we have had plenty of indication that when we have learned enough Chinese to be of some use, we shall have no trouble keeping busy."

Good Bye and Thank You

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner completed their schedule of visitation on Monday, November 20th. Every appointment was kept as scheduled and some additional meetings were held. Word has reached the Conference office from many of the places visited that the Warners were a God-send to our churches. Their friendliness and interest in local problems found a cordial response. Their presentation of the missionary cause was such as to make the people of the churches feel that it was a vital part of their work and could not be neglected. That they were willing to be used to the limit by the church is evidenced by the fact that at Lodi on one Sunday Mrs. Warner spoke to the Sunday School, then both Mr. and Mrs. Warner took classes; at the church service Mr. Warner gave the children's talk and Mrs. Warner spoke at the sermon time. After a dinner was served at the church Mrs. Warner spoke to the women and Mr. Warner to the men; both spoke at the Christian Endeavor Society and at the evening service. The day was wound up by both speaking again to a group of the young people who met informally at the home of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman.

In the final report Mrs. Warner writes: "it has been a wonderful experience and will be helpful to us in going on to other churches. We met the finest people and had such an amazingly warm reception." Our churches and our Conference organization are deeply grateful for the fine service which these friends rendered.

LET US HEAR FROM OTHERS

Jessie L. Pendleton of Claremont, California, in sending in a dollar for her subscription to The Pacific, remarks that her family has had this paper since 1895. The Pacific is always happy to hear from its friends of long standing.

ONE MONTH TO GO

November brought a larger amount of regular benevolences than November a year ago. Of course a year ago the Dollar Plan was in a separate fund and was not counted in the regular way. This year the few Dollar Plan contributions are in the regular benevolence column. The totals for the first eleven months for 1933, as noted below, shows a drop of $2,418.85 over the corresponding period a year ago, or about 9 percent. But if the Dollar Plan contributions of a year ago are taken into account, the drop this year is 15 percent as compared with 1932.

As in previous years, contributions received up to and including January 10th will be counted for the apportionment of 1933, provided that they are intended for 1933. The next five weeks are of vital importance in gathering the Dollar Cards and other coin containers and contributions from all departments of the church and forwarding them to the Conference office.

	November, 1933	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1933	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1932
Adin	$ 13.05	$ 105.84	$ 96.81
Alameda	25.28	250.22	375.00
Alturas	13.00	21.50	20.00
Angel's Camp	28.00	88.00	50.00
Antioch	28.05	47.82	24.32
Auburn	.....	18.50	.....
Benicia	6.00	13.00	25.50
Berkeley—			
First	645.00	6,451.00	6,163.58
North	130.35	826.68	989.36
Park	.....	35.35	69.85
Campbell	90.00	300.00	140.00
Ceres	35.12	74.66	210.00
Cloverdale	6.61	79.77	139.41
Cotati	.....	64.00	71.17
Crockett	.....	65.11	126.75
Eureka	23.16	93.96	82.78
Fairfax	15.00	85.00	45.00
Ferndale	32.30	282.85	281.46
Fowler	.....	10.00	.....
Fresno—			
First	.....	159.10	350.76
Pilgrim	.....	.....	25.00
Zion	25.00	25.00	.....
Glen Ellen	.....	5.00	8.00
Grass Valley	.....	.....	10.38
Guerneville	.....	.....	35.00
Hayward	51.15	51.15	.....
Kenwood	.....	27.28	38.06
Lodi—First	.....	592.00	965.00
Loomis	.....	.....	10.00
Martinez	.....	22.10	132.06
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Oakland—			
First	1,000.00	5,256.95	5,497.08
Fruitvale	2.00	7.00	.....
Japanese	.....	5.00	.....
Pilgrim	10.00	10.00	25.45
Plymouth	100.00	678.50	1,218.70
Oroville	80.00	80.00	90.00
Pacific Grove	93.51	363.56	394.95
Palo Alto	300.00	1,075.00	1,766.85
Paradise	5.00	73.00	112.50
Pescadero	.....	10.00	10.00
Petaluma	.....	615.88	614.00
Pittsburg	33.01	67.89	62.73
Porterville	.....	15.00	38.33
Redwood City	100.00	435.00	521.85
Rio Vista	.....	5.00	.....
Ripon	5.00	55.00	57.50
Sacramento	.....	606.45	743.00
Salida	.....	32.00	31.00
San Carlos	.....	5.00	.....
San Francisco—			
Bethany-			
Mission Pk.	167.80	308.30	240.00
Calvary	.....	10.00	.....
First	45.00	1,147.05	50.00
Ocean View	16.00	26.00	25.00
Richmond	21.00	54.00	45.00
San Jose	175.00	728.95	996.85
San Leandro	18.24	44.44	118.61
San Mateo	.....	.....	100.00
Santa Cruz	.....	611.00	551.00
Santa Rosa	24.40	160.04	225.30
Saratoga	.....	350.00	700.00
Sebastopol	4.90	130.81	95.94
Sonoma	.....	65.00	72.23
Soquel	6.00	20.00	.....
Stockton	161.14	897.85	1,081.00
Suisun	10.00	40.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	.....	17.70	23.80
Tulare	10.31	230.31	290.75
Weaverville	5.00	48.75	41.25
Woodside	31.50	104.50	104.50
Reno, Nevada	36.57	294.43	399.75
Miscellaneous	67.98	413.45	432.38
	$3.696.43	$24.933.70	$27,352.55

PHEBE GRANT OGLE

Old timers in our Conference will remember with affection Rev. W. H. Ogle, who passed away about fourteen years ago. Since that time his widow, Mrs. Phebe Grant Ogle, has made her home with her children at Volcanoville, near Georgetown, in El Dorado County. On November 23rd she passed to the better life at the age of 88 years and five months. She was the mother of six children, all of whom are living. She is also survived by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. For a number of months she has been in very frail health, but through it maintained a very happy disposition and her passing away was quiet and beautiful. The remains were interred at Georgetown, California. To Mrs. Ogle and her husband are due the gratitude of Congregationalism in California for their faithful service in unpromising fields through many years.

1934 Handbook Ready

The Handbook for 1934 is out and it is new and different. It is not only a directory but a help toward the building of the religious life.

Religion in the home is emphasized with daily readings for the year. Prayer meeting topics, with a year's outline for the study of religion are presented.

The Handbook is full of information concerning the work the churches are doing. Single copies are 5c; ten or more copies 4c each, and 100 copies or more 3c each. Orders may be sent to the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

TINKERING OR CREATING

"The Church . . . is not called upon to go tinkering 'round with a pair of economic pliers in one hand and a political monkey wrench in the other. The business of the Church is neither to build the machinery nor to repair it, but to declare the purpose that ought to dominate its architects and operators. The importance of organized religion to our world will be measured not in terms of the social legislation it has introduced, but in terms of the legislators it has socially inspired; not by the profit-sharing enterprises it has established, but by the profit-sharing motives it has created."

—Stanley High.

LOOMIS. Rev. H. J. Loken of Alturas has been called as pastor and will begin December 15th. The church has been without a resident pastor for eighteen months.

BENICIA. More people turned out to hear Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner than have attended any event of the kind for some years. The congregations are at least two or three times as large as they were some months ago, but Rev. Ernest Houlding, the pastor, reports that there is still room in his auditorium.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Both Angel's Camp and Murphy have met their apportionments in full, paying in cash more than a month before the end of the year. Boys from the C. C. C. camp at Murphy flock into the Christian Endeavor meeting, bringing the attendance up to sixty-five. Rev. John T. Munton is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Two hundred and fifteen women and girls attended the mothers and daughters banquet early in November. Sixteen new members have been received into the fellowship of the church at the November communion service. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

VALLEY OF THE MOON. The Valley of the Moon Larger Parish has recently had two very interesting meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner visited the field, Mrs. Warner speaking at Kenwood in the afternoon of November 9th, and both of them speaking in the evening at Sonoma, also showing pictures of travels. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were enjoyed very much, both personally and because of their helpful message. A potluck dinner was served at Sonoma in the evening in which all three churches participated. The meetings were well attended, about fifty sitting together at the table.

The three churches of the parish joined recently in a meeting at the State Home. "The Sign of the Cross" was shown on the screen in the big auditorium of the Home. The Sonoma choir furnished music, as did also the orchestra of the Home. A short talk was given by the pastor. More than 200 persons were present, besides the inmates of the Home.

Rev. Frank E. Boren and Mr. Wesley Gordon are in charge of the work of the Parish.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. On a recent Sunday evening a panel discussion was arranged on "Dollar Values and Human Values," in which educators, Chamber of Commerce officials and others participated. The young people of this church are engaged in what they call a "Fair Play" campaign, in which they have undertaken to raise a thousand feet of pennies, a thousand feet of nickels and a thousand feet of dimes in order to wipe out the church deficit. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. A much needed improvement in the heating arrangement of the church has been made. Heretofore electricity has been used, which in cold weather has never been sufficient. Several gas furnaces have now been installed which will make a great difference in the comfort of the congregations. The kindergarten has trebled in membership. A Junior choir has been organized to serve at the vesper service. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

BERKELEY. ARLINGTON AVENUE. New curtains have been provided, all bills are paid, and funds are in hand to meet expenses for the next two months. The children of the Sunday School contributed $25.00 in a special Thank Offering. Campfire Girls provided a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family. Two large groups of young people are meeting every Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg are the leaders.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR. As evidence of the progress of this church, it was recently remarked that whereas it was once difficult to secure enough good men to serve on the Board of Trustees now the church could have two or three boards out of available material. Men have been enlisted as teachers of boys' classes. The average attendance of the Sunday School is well above the 200 mark.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The change in hour of the Sunday School from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 10:30 in the morning has resulted in a 100 percent increase in attendance. The church has again entered a team in the Berkeley Basket Ball League with the hope of regaining the athletic leadership which was enjoyed a number of years ago. Mr. T. T. Taam is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. A leadership training school, meeting weekly for ten weeks, is now in progress. Rev. George E. Brown, the minister, is giving one course on Church School Administration and Dr. E. A. Sturge is giving another on the Life of Christ. Sixty-one have enrolled for credits and others are attending as auditors. Beginning January 2nd another term will open with courses on the Curriculum of the Church School and the New Testament. The church has three flourishing young people's organizations: Comrades of the Way, Fireside Club and Young People's Fellowship. The latter has been conducting a seminar in social relations under the direction of Victor Morgan, formerly a chaplain in the Navy and now a Congregational minister. Mrs. William Palmer Lucas has given a series of lectures to the women of the church on international conditions.

EUREKA. Superintendent Harley H. Gill recently spent a busy Sunday in this church. He spoke briefly to two different departments of the Sunday School, then preached at the eleven o'clock service. He talked to the young people's society and preached in the evening. On Saturday night he gave an address at a church dinner and Monday morning another over radio station KEIM. Monday noon he met with the trustees of the church to confer about their financial problems. Rev. C. H. Hudson the pastor, has opened a school of missions for Wednesday evenings.

FAIRFAX. This church will celebrate its eleventh anniversary on December 10th. A statement of the church beliefs, ideals and obligations, with membership application attached, is being circulated. Every member is being presented with a certificate. The mid-week service has been inaugurated, a combination of prayer meeting, choir practice and Bible class. A camp of C. C. C. boys swells the attendance at the meetings of the Fellowship of Youth. Rev. James W. Price is the pastor.

TULARE. Rev. Robert Whitaker, the pastor, continues to show great resourcefulness in securing speakers for his Sunday evening forum. A considerable constituency has been drawn to the forum so that the evening attendance is larger than that of the morning. About forty men came together for a supper on November 5th to hear an address by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on "The Church in the Present Dilemma."

LODI. Drama is being used effectively in the program of this church. During the past month two have been given: "Serving two Masters" and "Stephen Becomes a Pilgrim." Lawrence Cross and his Crosscutters conducted one Sunday evening service, which was attended by a great throng. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker at a monthly fellowship dinner on November 22nd. Plans were laid by the Board of Trustees for the annual financial canvass. Rev. George E. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson are the very effective leaders of this church.

REDWOOD CITY. On November 8th and 9th this church sponsored a Fall Festival, with excellent program of entertainment, including high grade music, a merchants' lunch and bazaar.

ALTURAS. The women's work of the church has shown gratifying advance. One of the most rewarding features of this work is the chain luncheon plan. Each woman who has been inivited to a luncheon gives a luncheon to several other ladies, the proceeds going to the work of the church. A motion picture machine has been installed for illustrated service by which it is hoped that the religious and educational interests of the community will be stimulated. For health reasons Rev. H. J. Loken, the minister, will soon close his work in Alturas. He will be greatly missed, for the church has shown splendid progress under his leadership. The Sunday School has been doubled this autumn.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Fellowship of Youth under the direction of Mrs. James H. Price, presented a very effective three-act Biblical drama, "Whatsoever Ye Sow," at the church service Sunday evening, November 26th. This organization of young people has adopted a budget and have outlined plans of work in order to provide means of sending delegations to the Asilomar Conference and the Methodist Young People's Assemblies. A church Fair and Home Coming are being held early in December. Rev. Joseph Carpenter and Rev. James H. Price are leading in this united effort.

CAMPBELL. The young people of this church have completed the raising of the full apportionment of the church for 1933 and the money was all paid in six weeks before the end of the year. This is probably a banner achievement for a young people's society in our Conference, and incidentally points the way to churches that feel they are having a hard time to raise benevolences. All of this sum of $300 was gathered in small amounts through the patient and persistent effort of Rev. Joseph H. Bennett and his enthusiastic assistants.

ALAMEDA. The church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the present pastorate by a Sunday evening reception to Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland. The young married couples have recently been organized and have become very active in the church interests. More than one-fourth of the Mile of Pennies has been raised, and the church looks forward to reaching at least half of the distance before the end of the year.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Mr. E. D. Williams of First Church, is taking over the responsibility of directing the choir. A Christmas play, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth UpdeGraf, is in preparation. A large congregation heard Rev. Burton Palmer, former pastor, on the celebration of Wetherbee Day in honor of one of the founders and benefactors of the church. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

AMBROSE. Work is progressing on the first floor of the new building, which is temporarily roofed in order to provide a meeting place. It is hoped that a comfortable meeting place will be provided by the first of the year. Mr. Raymond L. Cramer is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. The Fifteenth Anniversary of the organization of this church will be held December 9th and 10th. It is hoped that former pastors of the church will be present to participate. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Sunday evening, November 26th, at the close of the hour of worship, a reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Waddell, who are leaving to assume leadership of the church at Petaluma. That the eleven and a half years which Dr. Waddell has put in as Associate Minister and Director of Religious Education at this church are appreciated is evidenced by the splendid resolutions which the church passed and presented him, and by other and more substantial tokens of affection. Representatives of various departments of the church brought their testimony to the love and respect in which he is held and good wishes for a happy and fruitful pastorate in his new field.

PETALUMA. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell has been called as pastor of this church and begins his work on December 1st. During the two weeks interval between the closing of the pastorate of Rev. Noel J. Breed and the opening of the work of the new minister, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Herman F. Swartz. Dr. Waddell is not a stranger to Petaluma, for he has spoken and visited this field previously. The church earnestly desires the significant work which has been done among young people to continue, and is exceedingly happy to secure Dr. Waddell, who has made Religious Education his specialty.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The annual meeting of the church was an unusually happy affair. Reports from the various organizations and departments were encouraging and were received with enthusiasm. After a severe pruning of the list, the membership now stands at 542. A budget of $22,680 for current expenses was adopted, and $2,500 for benevolences. The church has adopted the duplex envelope system for the coming year and will undertake to raise enough so that the American Board share will provide for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur.

SACRAMENTO. That our churches are greatly interested in community enterprises is evidenced by the women of the Sacramento Pioneer Church. Fifty women worked under the general direction of Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, who was in charge of the women's department of the Community Chest campaign.

PESCADERO. Evening services for young people have been begun. On a recent Sunday evening thirty were in attendance, none of whom had been in attendance at the morning service. The average attendance at Sunday School has shown great improvement over that of a year ago. Rev. Jesse L. Rollins is in charge.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. James D. Salmon has two services every Sunday and most of the time three. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized at Lewiston and held its first bazaar November 29th. A Friendly Indian club has been formed at Weaverville and the young people's organization is making splendid progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. D. S. Yenovkian has supplied this church during the month of November and has been invited to continue through the month of December. The church is meeting in the property belonging to the Church of the New Jerusalem on O'Farrell Street, near Fillmore.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

No Executive Board Meeting in December or January. The Annual Meeting of the Women's Federation will be held Thursday and Friday, January 18th and 19th, at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

Do You Know?

That $600 was pledged for benevolences at Asilomar by our young people, all due to our leader for young people, Mrs. James H. Price? That Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum has written a pageant, "The Spirit of Asilomar," that can be secured and used by your society?

That in the United Church, San Francisco, there is an organization called the "Fellowship of Youth," whose aim is to get in touch with young people at work in the city, and make them feel at home?

That because of Miss Helen Perkins' persuasive voice the Petaluma women have dressed eight dolls to send to eager children in Puerto Rico?

That the Niles women are sending Miss Martha Sanford's sewing machine to the Indian women at Alturas? Mrs. E. G. Brinkmeyer said it had been put in excellent condition and that the Niles women would bear the expense of crating and sending it. Thus the quiet, pervasive influence for good of Miss Sanford continues to be felt in ever widening circles.

"Pig Under the Roof"

These two characters, pig and roof, formerly stood for family in Foochow. A pig was considered real property, so when people could afford one they could establish a family.

That is what Mrs. Leonard Christian of the Davis Memorial Kindergarten, Foochow, China, told the women in her delightfully informal talk at the Executive Board meeting in November. She said the new characters for family are three, man and master under a roof, while the Christians say that man and his Master under a roof make a Christian family and home.

Mrs. Christian spoke of Isabel Wong, graduate of Pomona, who took Bertha Allen's place in the Foochow Kindergarten, receiving 14 Mex dollars a month for her services (a Mex dollar is a third of our dollar). Isabel Wong, or "Loving Righteousness" is the little girl whose father put her on the floor when she was born instead of on the kang, to show she was unwanted, according to the Chinese custom. Then she was plunged into water and buried, but the job was not well done, the baby's faint wails were heard and an-
strong influence for good in China.
other child saved who has become a

"Visitors' Day"

Here is another Thank Offering play recently given by the women of the Alameda Church and voted a great success. The visitors are people from various parts of the world who benefit from our Thank Offering gifts. Dressed in costume, they step out of a mammoth Guest Book on the platform and tell of themselves and their work. This play can be secured from the author, Miss May Young, 2061 Central Avenue, Alameda, California.

What's Right With China

Mr. Leonard Christian gave a most convincing talk. After speaking of the conditions that are detrimental to Chinese progress, as political graft, industrial mal-adjustment, bandits, educational difficulties, religious opiates, all of which sounded very familiar and similar to America's social evils, he dwelt on the forces that are functioning for the upbuilding of a new and strong China.

The Youth Movement, he said, is one of the greatest forces, fifty thousand strong, demanding radical changes in direct opposition to the war lords. They have been successful in their demands, repudiating the ignominous treaty signed in Europe, until China was obliged to cancel it. On the campus of Chinese colleges the girls and boys are talking over the political situation, the policies of their country and ways in which they can change the life of their officials and save China. "When the sky falls it always rests on the shoulders of the tallest," is a Chinese saying. Only one man in every 40,000 in China is a Christian, but those men are the ones upon whom the government is beginning to depend.

Sun Yat San got his principles from Lincoln's Gettysburg speech "a government for the people and by the people" and today every one of his followers are following that same program.

Morrison, the first Protestant missionary to China, said that if there were one thousand Christians in China in a hundred years it would be a miracle. There are now four hundred thousand and the churches plan to double that number.

Nanking, called the "rottenest city in the East" two years ago, had not a mile of roadway where two cars could run. Now it has been completely transformed, due to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's program.

Formerly we sent out fifteen to thirty missionaries a year. Last year sixty were called home, but Russia continues to pour millions into China to make it a godless nation, even educating Chinese in Moscow for that purpose.

We need to be patient with China's disturbed conditions, as we remember the many serious problems our own thirteen colonies faced when they broke away from the mother country.

In closing Mr. Christian said that when in Chicago he peered through a hole in a fence to get a glimpse of the new Union Station. At first he could see nothing, only falling bricks and dirt through the lime filled air; but suddenly beyond and above it all towered the beautiful new, white building in the process of erection. So, in spite of the confusion at present in China, in spite of many obstacles and tragedies, we are beginning to visualize in the East a new and more unified China.

JOKING ASIDE

Why not send PACIFIC subscriptions to your friends instead of Christmas greetings? The PACIFIC office will send an appropriate note conveying greetings to those for whom you subscribe.

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HISTORY OF OUR RUSSIAN - GERMAN CHURCHES

The following summary of the history of our German Congregational churches was made by the editor from a carefully prepared paper by Rev. J. J. Ballensky, pastor of our German speaking church at Sanger:

Our German Congregationalists in California are descendants of two groups of people who originally emigrated from Germany to Russia, one group going into the Volga region about the year 1765 and the other into South Russia between 1781 and 1859.

The Seven Years' War made the lives of the subjects of Frederick the Great almost intolerable. A German Princess, Catherine II, was on the throne of Russia and desired to safeguard her borders against certain wild bands in the Volga district. She invited people from other countries of Europe to migrate, offering various attractions among which were: freedom from taxation for ten years, freedom from military service, free use of the mother tongue and worship according to the practice of their forefathers. Free transportation was promised and whole villages of German peoples moved and took up their abode in Russia. Many of the promises were never fulfilled, but somehow the people were able to survive, and within twenty-five years turned wilderness into civilization. They had to rely upon their own religious intuition, for no spiritual guides went with them. The colonization committee authorized a Dr. Fessler to supervise the religion of the colonists. For nearly a hundred years their spiritual leaders came from a mission school in Switzerland. They adhered indifferently to the Reformed and Lutheran creeds, but in usage they were Congregational.

The second group, or Black Sea Germans had a similar migratory experience, and their reasons for following their countrymen were to escape war and religious intolerance. Men were forced to serve alternately in the French and German armies, one day fighting against their enemies and next against their own people. To pay tribute to Napoleon taxes rose beyond the income of soil and toil. Again Russia offered a haven and there was a migration resembling the gold rush to California. The land in the Black Sea region was like an uncharted sea, level as a floor, without tree, mountain or tower and grass of a man's height.

A former priest by the name of Lindl for a time wielded great religious influence. He was opposed to anything in the nature of a church organization. This sentiment of opposition to organization was very strong for many years, and continues to some extent even to this day.

In 1872 a commission of five of the Volga Germans was sent to the United States. They visited chiefly the states of Kansas and Nebraska and on their return to Russia reported favorably on climate and religious conditions, and migration to the United States began. This movement was encouraged by representatives from steamship and railroad companies in the United States. The first settlement was in Nebraska. A salaried evangelist to visit different groups was commissioned by the Brethren Conference, but for the most part services were conducted entirely by the lay people.

The Black Sea Germans began their immigration to South Dakota in the 80s. These two groups had lived many years in their exclusive German villages in Russia, retaining their own language, customs and religion, but they had no communication or dealings with each other, and yet they had developed religiously in parallel lines. Both groups were highly suspicious of church organizations, but increasingly parents began to realize that without organization their faith in God would die with them and that therefore, if their children were to follow in their steps it would be necessary to join a church if they could find one which would measure up to their ideal. About this time a home missionary from Iowa had two men ordained and sent them forth to preach the gospel to the Germans in Nebraska and Dakota. This was about the year 1880. These ministers were widely heard and heartily welcomed. The ways of the Congregational denomination were explained to the people and the universal response was "That's just what we wanted in the old country and here we have it." Churches were organized wherever needed and buildings provided even out of the poverty of the people, for most of them had come to this country on borrowed money or on tickets which had to be paid for after their arrival. In South Dakota most of the people were homesteaders. They lived in sod houses. Times were hard and crops were poor. But the churches they would not neglect.

The Congregational denomination not only seemed to answer their need but provided assistance and fellowship.

From the middle west large numbers have come to Colorado, the northwest and California. Nine of our Congregational churches in the Northern California Conference are these Russian German people, six of them in Fresno and vicinity. Indeed the largest church of our Conference is one of these, and increasingly the German and English speaking churches are entering closer fellowship.

IT IS ONE THING—

to distribute Dollar cards and other coin containers to the people.

IT IS ANOTHER THING—

to get them filled and returned.

We have sent out, on order of the churches, 4600 of these cards and containers this year, but up to December 5th only $290.56 has been remitted. Where are the other 4200? Last year at this time over $2,000 had come in.

Let every Pastor, Treasurer, S. S. Superintendent and President of Woman's Society exert every effort to collect them and remit the contents to this office at the earliest possible moment.

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